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16 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: James Q. Reber
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Missions

In reply to your two queries, I have made a rapid round-up of [REDACTED] missions and can report informally as follows:

a. With regard to whether or not [REDACTED] is producing intelligence, the answer is yes. The primary targets provided by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance have been covered and have produced useful information. Other targets which we regard as bonus have been added from time to time but have never interfered with coverage, on occasion we have noted that coverage of the primary targets has been more successful than the bonus ones. This is probably because we can pin-point the former.

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b. I have not been able to find a basis for any statement that [REDACTED] missions were not flown because of a lack of targets. Every day [REDACTED] has checked targets with us and has given them to General Carroll who has then gone to the Joint Chiefs. What happens after that can only be speculated on by [REDACTED] but for what it is worth, the grapevine reported that the missions of 14 and 16 November were cancelled because of the following reasons. Those of the 14th were not run because it was thought that the frequency and repetition were forming too obvious a pattern. The missions planned for the 16th, today, were reported cancelled because of Castro's threats. COMOR has supplied targets for tomorrow and the day after. The ones for Monday will be considered by CIA and DIA tomorrow morning. Because

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there were no [REDACTED] missions today, there will
certainly be some targets for Monday.

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